GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AHMEDABAD AIRPORT
SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ahmedabad Airport is an International Airport;

(b) if so, by when the direct flights from Ahmedabad to Hong Kong and Ahmedabad to Paris are likely to start operating; and

(c) the reasons for delay in starting such operations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) :- Yes, Sir.

(b) :- Air India (AI) has already commenced direct flightsfrom Ahmedabad to Paris from the month of April 2003. At present, Air India operate 3 direct flights per week from Ahmedabad to Paris. Air India also operate Ahmedabad / Delhiflights for onward connections to Hong Kong on Tuesdays and Fridays. With the induction of the 07th B-747-400 leased aircraft into AI`s fleet, the new services between Mumbai & New York (Newark International) via Paris were introduced inDecember 2002. These services were extended from Ahmedabad from the month of April 2003. From the Winter schedule ofAI, flights from New York (Newark International) / Paris to Mumbai will be extended to Ahmedabad directly on all days of the week.

(c):- The demand in traffic between Ahmedabad and Hong Kong does not warrant direct operations as it is not commercially viable for AI.